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## Entertainment.

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The second concert of the season will be given in THEATRE ROYAL on SATURDAY, February 5th, at 9.15 P.M -FULLARTON HENDERSON, Exercia the

MEMBERS who have not yet received their TICKETS are requested to forward \$2 to H. C. NICOLLE, Rig. Hon. Treasurer, when they will receive them.

MEMBERS are reminded that TICKETS must be shown at the Door-and this Rule will De zigidly enforced on this occasion. J. A. LOWSON.

Hon. Secretary. Hongkong 27th January, 1898.

### Intimations.

### G. HILL, D.D.S., AMERICAN DENTIST.

WINDSOR HOTEL, No. 16, Quen's Road,

OFFICE HOURS:-10 to 12 A.M. 2 to 3 P.M.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1897. . . [t-m 50 HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, Peddes Sheet, at Noon on SATURDAY, the 5th February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to the 31st December, 1897, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th inst. to the 5th

proximo both days' inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1898 THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING

WEAVING AND DYING CO., LIMITED. ORDINARY MEETING of the above Company will be teld at the OFFICES of the General Managers, No. 4, Pedder Street, on MONDAY, the 7th day of February, 1898, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

This meeting is called in order to comply with the Hongkong Ordinances and only formal business will be transacted thereat. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1898.

HONGRONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. NYOTICE is hereby given that the

ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEET-ING of the Shareholders, in this Corporation, will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the rath day of February next, at Noon, for the purpose of seceiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of account to 31st December, 1897-By order of the Court of Directors. (Sd.) T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager. Hongkong, 26th January, 1898.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. TERS OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 29th instant, to the 12th day of February next (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer

of Shares can be registered. By order of the Court of Directors. Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1898.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 21st February, 1898, at 12 o'clock, Noor, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Cirectors and the Statement of

Accounts to the 31st December, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to 21st February both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary, Hongkong, 19th January, 1898.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.,

LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY I ANNUAL MERTING of SHARE HOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 28th day of February, 1898, at 12.30 of the Clock in the Alternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1897, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th

February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Honghong, 31st January, 1898;

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 8 Per Cent, or \$1.20 PER SHARE, Declared at the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING, of SHAREHOLDERS held This Day, will be PAYABLE at the Hongroud and Shandhai

BANKING CORPORATION on and after MONDAY. the 31st instant. SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply to the OFFICE of the Company for WARRANTS. By Order of the Board of Directory.

T. ARNOLD. Sec ctary. Hongkong, soth January, 1808-HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be a SPOON COMPETITION on SATURDAY, the 5th instant, Commencing at 2.30 P.M. RANGES, 500 and 600 yards. ENTRANCE, 30 cents

Subscriptions are now due and should be paid to the Undersigned. A. CHAPMAN, Hop, Sec. Hongkong, 1st Pebruary, 1898.

## Potice of Firm.

NOTICE.

HE Understeed has established himself as GENERAL MERCHANT and COM-MISSION AGENT, under the STYLE OF FIRM name of M. A. A. DE SOUZA & CO. M. A. A. DE SOUZA.

[175 ] Hongkong, 1st January, 1868,

## To-day's Adbertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION, FRIDAY, the 4th February, 1898, Commencing at 2.30 P.M.,

at his SALES ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET, A CONSIGNMENT OF CHINESE PORCKLAIN. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS,-As Critomary. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, and February, 1808.

CITY HALL. LEO. HERNANDEZ NEW YORK NOVELTY Co. Will appear THIS EVENING (WEDNESDAY)

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HONOKONG HOTEL Hongkong, and February, 1808.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TT is hereby notified that FIELD FIRING with Maxims and Lee-Metford Rifles will take place at Deep Water Bay on the Forencon of FRIDAY, the 4th Instant, between 9.30 and 22.30 o'clock, instead of in the Afternoon of WEDNESDAY, the and instant, as previously notified.

By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colouisi Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, and February, 1898.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR SHANGHAL

HE Company's Steamship "PATROCLUS." Captain Dickens, will be despatched as above

TO-MORROW, the 3 d instant, at Noon, For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Hongkonp, and February, 1808.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Chartered Steamship "NANYANG," Captain Lehmann, will be despatched for the

above Ports on FRIDAY, the 4th Instant, at Daylight, For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1898. CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA. THE Company's Stocmship

Captain Quali, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 5th Instant at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE. Agents.

Hongkone, and February, 1808. "GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS. FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND

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"GLENAVON having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the oth inst, will be subject to sent,

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 16th inst, otherwise they will not be recognised. Blils of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, 2nd February, 1808.

## Intimations.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LD THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY. Hongkong, Sih December, 1897.

DEATH. On the 23rd Jan., at his residence, No. 25 Settlement, Kobe, KARL HEINRICH WILHELM DOBBELING (a native of Hamburg), in his 37th

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1808.

## TELEGRAMS

("HONGEONG TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL.)

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FAILED.

NOTHING TO COME OF ALL THE TALL TALK.

BRITAIN BACKING DOWN.

Shanghai, February 2nd. A Peking telegram to the Shanghal Mercury states that Great Britain has surrendered several of the most essential points in the negotiations connected with the loan, contrary to the declarations of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. This surrender has enormously strengthened the hands of Russia and France in their policy of securing advantages to Britain's detriment. Had Great Britain remained steadfast and insisted the original conditions (opening new ports and guaranteeing freedom Valley), China would of Yangtse certainly have inclined to side with the British and against the French and Russians. Since this exhibition of weakness, the Chinese are convinced of the unreliability of Britain, and it will harm our interests and prestige greatly.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE INDIAN PRONTIER POLICY. LONDON, January 31st.

The kiberals are drafting an amendment to the Address (in reply to the Speach from the Throne on the reassembling of Parliament] condemning the Indian frontier policy.

The Standard demands a full enquiry into the conduct of the Campaign, and the Daily News protests against the continuation of hostilities.

CRICKET.

have made seven for one wicket,

THE PLAGUE IN BOMBAY. The plague in Bombay is greatly on the

JAPANESE TELEGRAMS:

[" KOBE CHRONICLE" TRANS.

PERING, January 19th. China has acceded to the concition comended by Germany, and the exchange of the documents relating to the lease of Klaochow has been concluded. The term of lease of Kinochow to Germany has been fixed at 99 years.

TORIO, January 20th. of new los advising the Emperor and Manistry in ditary and naval affairs, has been created, to be known as the Gensul ju, the members of which will be chosen from among the Admirals or Field Marshals who have rendered special servicer. Prince Komatsu, Marquis Kemagata, Marquis Oyams, and Marquis Saigo have been appointed members of the board, and given the title of Generalissinso.

General Kawakami has been appointed Chief of the General Staff Department in place of Prince Komatsu. This is the first occasion that a military efficer

not a member of the Imperial Family has been appointed to the last-mentioned office,-Ed. K.C.]

A contingent under Lieutenant Taukemi, stationed at Sanjo, has shot down Kwo Kotsujiki, a noted rebel leader. TOKIO, January 20th.

Mr. Shibusawa (chairman of the Tokio Chamber of Commerce), Mr. Sone (the President of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha) and other leading merchants of Tokio propose to organise Foreign Capital Introduction League," to urge the amendment of laws and regulations which debar the introduction of foreign capital, and the adoption of new laws and regulations necessary for the purpose.

Mr. A. Levy, the general manager of the Yokohama and Kobe offices of Messes. Oppenhelmer Fieres, is said to have secured the support of Japanese officials and business men to a scheme for developing the trade between Japan and France. He leaves for home on the 23rd inst. and yesterday visited the Premier and other Ministers of State to say farewell. His plan is to organize a bank, on the lines suggested by Mr. Some, the Minister for Justice, after the new Treaties have come into operation; but should this plan be impracticable, he proposes to invest French capital in Japanese Government and other securities and shares.

TORIO, January 21st. A telegram of the 20th inst, from the Hokkaido Government states that the steamer Kabatomars (43 tons) foundered off the coast of Shiribeshi on the previous day. No loss of life

GISU. Tanuary 21st. Application bas been made to the Shiga Prefectural Government for a charter for the Lake Biwa Canal Company, with a capital calimated at 77 million yen. The promoters are Mr. Asami Matozo and 132 others.

bring Osaka and Tsuruga into communication via Lake Biws.—ED K.C.] TOKE . January 21st A telegram has been received by the Govern-

ment stating that the Japanese craiser Kasaki, now being built in America, was launched yes-

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.62 per £. FOR having lilegally left the service of Mr. A. Anderson a chair coolie was to-day fined \$5. [7 FOR returning from banishment a Chinese offender of some standing, was to-day committed for trial.

A CHINAMAN charged with kidnapping a small boy was to-day sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

For persistently soliciting foot passengers at Pedder's Wharf, a chair coolie was to-day fined \$2 or ten days.

THE New York Novelly Co. will give their first performance at the Theatre Royal this evening commencing at 9 o'cl:ck.

To-MORROW afternoon on the Happy Valley on some little amusing touches, and some of the the ground of the H.K. Football Club the Hongkong Colts will play H.M.S. Victor Emanuel. Kick-off at 4.30.

A CHINAMAN'S taste for sweet things led him yesterday to steal a bottle of mixed fruits from the store of Mr. Ruttonjee, D'Aguilar Street. He in despair the thankless task of trying to set want no mor estone-ballast hove at will have to put in six weeks, of cakum picking lilegible manuscript intelligently. But the com- 'long o' your callin' Miquelon bests "footy for the Queen.

A RICH theatrical treat is in store for Hongkong at about the beginning of next mouth, when the Brough Comedy Company will come on Ecre from Singapore. The Company's season of eight nights at Singapore is timed to commence on the 18th February. The repertoire includes:- 'The Case of Rebellions Susan, "Sowing the Wind," "A Village Priest," " Lady Wiedermere's Fan," "Fedora," "An Ideal Husband "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," and "Niobe." The Company will bring its own scenery and appointments and its appearance here will be halled with pleasure by all who appreciate high class dramatic art.

MESSES. Benjamin, Kelly & Potts, in their Weekly Share Report, dated Hongkong, Tuosday, 1st February, say :- A fair business has been effected during the week without changing rates to any material extent. A small lot of Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have changed hands at 186 per cent premium, and shares are still obtainable. The London quotation is £44 10/-. Nationals remain the same. China Fires have been in some demand, and have teen sold at \$1081, \$109 and \$1001, closing with further buyers at \$100. Hongkong Fires are steady at \$375. Owing to the arcident to the s.s. Powers. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have suffered alslight decline and are obtainable at-\$27% ex the final dividend of \$1.20 pcr shere paid on the grat ulto. Indo-Chinas have been negotiated at \$56. Douglas Stermship , have been done at \$57%. China Sugars have been sold at \$168 and close steady. Luxons re quiet with theres offering at \$43. Punjoms have been fixed at \$72. Charbonnages have advriced to \$120 buyers. New Balmorals have changed it's done." We can't quite imagine what it Australians in their first innings made 323 and Preference shares respectively. Jelebus are they were passing the time :-Stoddart's Eleven 174. The latter, following on, I enquired for at \$2. Raubs have improved slightly and sales have been effected at \$22%. Olivers B are in the market at \$8. Great Easterns \$22 paid up have been bought at \$3.20. Hongkong and Whampon Dicks have hardened, and sales have been effected at 236 per cent premium. Other stocks under this heading remain unchanged. Hongkong Land Invest-20th uito. Kowloon Lands are quoted at \$171 ex the dividend of \$1 pir share paid on the soth dividend of \$12 per share paid on the 29th pito. Tis. 106 sales. Green Island Coments are a been done at \$172 and close in demand. Ices have changed hands at \$113. The Dairy Farm Company, Limited, has carried forward \$3,972,07 to new account. A. S. Watsons have been done

On Tuesday next the Hongkong Football Club | comes face to face with the stern, realities | sleep same's she done on 'Querreau.' Had will hold an inter-club match. All members are invited to participate.

IMPRECTOR Duncan to-day presecuted two offenders against the "keresene oil " ordinance One was fined \$75 and the other \$25.

DURING the forenoon to-day a sampan capsized in the harbour and the P. & O. Co.'s launch Zill, which happened to be in the vicinity, picked up the crew. We have not been able to ascertalo any further particulars of the accident.

MANILA man charged with stabbing a countryman on the 27th ulto., was arrested by Chinese police at Kowicon yesterday and charged at the Magistracy to-day. As the victim is still in hospital, the case was remanded for a week on the application of Sergeant Collett.

THE Rose, Shamrock and Thistle burglary case has been remanded till Wednesday next. The accused says he left the place because he feared a beating from the landlord and says he has evidence to prove that he was absent from the premises when the burglary took place.

THE Musso property case was resumed in the Original Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court today before His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir J. W. Carrington). Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., for the defendant, began his address and he tray ed at length the cases quoted by Mr. Robinson.

WE have received the report of the directors of the Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd., for presentation at the ninth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company to [This is the canal by which it is prop; sed to be held on 7th inst. The profit on the working of the fidgets, when she behaved like a puppy account stands at Tis. 218,751 67 as against Tis. 77,695.34 last year. The profit and loss account, after deducting the amount of the interim dividend, paid in July, shows a credit balance of Tis. 219,114.61, which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:-To pay a Final Dividend of 61 per cent on the paid-up Capital (making II per cent for the year) Tis. 84,500.00; to transfer to Reserve Fund (making if up to Taels 202,000) Tis. 130,000 oo and to carry forward to New Account Tis. 4 514 51.

### REVIEWS.

Over the Hills. By Mary Findlater. (London, Methuen & Co. Hongkong, Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Limited.)-This is an attempted "kailyarder," but is a very long yard with very little kall in it. It is the sort of book that makes the conscientious reviewer wish he had no conscience. There are good points in the book, but they have to be sought out smid a lot of wear'some commonplaces. It is a story of a cold, hard existence, in a cold, barren wilderness named Scotland; and every, chapter makes us plty the people who live there and wonder at their stupidity in staying there. If Mary Findlater does not libel the country, it must only need a very moderate amount of commonsense to make people escape abroad. There are Incidents are full of life and interest; but on the whole the book is uninviling. In parts it is simply execuable. Perhaps the writer did not mean to say somebody was "choked with the stone of a plumb," as if trying to swallow a deepsea lead-line; probably the blame will be put on some poor weary compositor who at last gave up positor cannot be held responsible for the allegation that a lady bad a bonret " lined with the palest blue, that, pale as it was, was yet bluer than her eyes." If the eyes were less blue than "the palest" they must have i cen white, or perhaps yellow, or arcen, or crimson-purple ; anyhow not blue. Playing with paradox is a delicate game easily marred. The story is not remarkable for defiance of conventionalities. There are several clandestine courtships, there is a cave scene, where a young man and a young woman ar caught by the tide and nearly drowned; there is a secret marriage, and a designing female who determines to become a corn'ess, and ultimately succeeds, by most unscrupulous means ; there is a nobis yould, of poor but proud family, who gets into gaol for forgery of which he is innecept; the battle of Inkerman is lugged in, and an emigrant ship, and the hero and heroine go to America because the old country is no fit place for heroes and hero'nes; and they "live happy ever after," on bread and cheese and kisses, presumably ; or perhaps on pork and beans and kisses. The Marquis of the novel conforms to

the rules ; this is his portrait :--"There was something about the shape of the head and modelling of the features slightly suggestive of a cast from the antique, but the classic outline here and there was blurred, The most remarkable thing about the face was the look, almost like that on the face of the deadnot as if expression had never been there, but as if it had been all withdrawn, leaving a mere mask behind it. When he smile, however, the lines of the face relaxed, and became almost

Painfully original, don't it? Then, the poor misguided youth who has his heart ensuared by the designing female spends a whole summer day with her, sitting on the grass in a lovely wood. The proceedings are not described in detail as Mr. Thomas Hardy would describe and gloat over them, but it is made quite clear that the exdent young couple were not playing golf. And as they left the shady spot; towards evening, the author helps out the dall wits of the reader by mentioning the se g of the little birds in the trees. "It was sweet-sweet, and now it's done,

threw his sem round her and kisted her sgain

Good old "involuntary, yielding gesture !"

Captains Courageous, by Rudyard Kipling. (London, Macmillan & Co. Hongkong, Kelly ment shares have :... done at \$71} and \$72 & Walsh, Limited.) In this book the greatest of ex the final dividend of \$2 per share paid on the modern word-painters once more proves the truth of the maxim that the raw material is of alight importance compared with that of the work put lato it. The raw material of this story is next. ulto. West Points are steady at \$20} ex the to nothing; simply an account of a boy falling everboard from a big Atlantic liner and being Lacu Kung Mow Cotton mills have advanced to picked up by a fishing schooner off the Newfoundland cod banks, and landed three months later and restored to his somowing parents. The shade caster and are obtainable at \$34 and \$18 | schooner has no adventures whatever, out of the for the Old and New re pectively. Ropes have ordinary every-day life on such boats. That is, surely a scanty sort of skeleton to dress up lito. Ye mever keep things sep rate "" a resdable book; but how much parrative is there in the best of Shakipere's plays? The beauty is in the telling of the story. The boy s at first an insufferable prig, as most pampered some of millionaires would be the suddenly

he wanders through the pearling-grounds of wind as the Carris passed within easy hail, a and Rotherhithe, the plains of Egypt in the days of Arabi, the Sunderland Iron trade and the public schools of England, the Behemian quarter of London and the offices of Her Majesty's Civil Service. And now he takes us on a voyage commencing with the Campania, going on to the We're Here, and ending to the special palace car Constance with a railway king throwing the whole American continent into consternation by a few words dictated to a typewriter of the most prosale Chicago kind. From beginning to end the dialogue and movement of Captates Couragrous is every bit as fascinating as any of the Mulvancy pictures. And, as in all Kipling's works, there is interwoven in the indescribable rollicking fun a clear, quiet undertons of grim earnestness, an ever-present auggestion of the certainty of suffering and death in the midst of mirth, and a reminder that the lips which laugh schooner :-

"Harvey replied, testing a blade's edge, Come to think of it, she is a high kicker, The little schooner was gambolling all around night, a short, snappy, uneasy motion, as her anchor among the silver-tipped waves. Hervey found, and wasted half the forenoon re-Backing with a start of affected surprise at the covering the cable. But the boys sgreed the sight of the strained cable, she pounced on it trouble was cheap at the price of triumph and like a kitten, while the spray of her descent burst glory, and they thought with grief over all the through the bawse-holes with the report of a gun; beautiful things that they might have said to Shaking her head, she would say : 'Well, I'm the discomfited Carele." going North, and would side off, halting suddenly with a dramatic sattle of her rigging. As I was just going to observe, she would begin, as gravely as a drunken man addressing a lamppost. The rest of the sentence (she acted her words in dumb-show, of course) was lost in a fit chewing a string, a clumsy woman in a sidesaddle, a hen with her head cut off, or a cow stung by a hornet, exactly as the whims of the sea took her. 'Scoher sayin' her piece. She's white fingers called up the Continent of America. Patrick Henry naow, said Dan. She swung sideways on a roller, and gesticulated with her ilb-boom from port to starboard. But-ex-ler -me, give me liberty-er giveme-death ! Wop! She sat down in the mo:n-rath on the water, curtacying with a flourish of pride impressive enough had not the wheel-gear aniggered mockingly in its box. Harvey laughed aloud. Why, it's just as if she was alive, he said. And here is a pretty bit of by-play in the

comedy of life :-"Square-rigger bellowin' for his latitude," said Long Jack. The dripping red headsails of a bark glided out of the tog, and the Were Here rang her bell thrice, using sea shorthand. The larger boat backed her topsail, with shricks and shoutings. Frenchman, said Uncle Salters accomfully, Miquelon bost from St. Malo.' The farmer had a weatherly wes-eye. 'I'm 'most outer baccy, too, Disko. Same here, said Tom Platt. Hi ! backet vous-backes vous / Standes awayes, you but!ended mucho bono! Where you from-St. Malo, ch ?! 'Ab, ha! mucho bono ! Out! out. Clos Poulsi-St. Malo! St. Plerreet Miquelon! cried the other crowd, waving weolien caps and laughing. Then all together, Bord! Bord! Bring up the board, Danny. Beats me how them Frenchmen fetch anywheres, excepting America's fairish broadly, Forty-six forty-nine's good enough fer them ; an! I guess it's absout right, too, Dan chalked the figures on the and they hung it in the mainsigging to a chorus of Bereis from the bark. Seems kinder unneighbously to let tem in his pockets. Her ye learned French then sence last trip? said Disko, 'I don't cochins " samo's you did off Lo Have, "Harmon Rush he said that was the way to rise em. Plain United States is good enough fer me. We're all dreiful short on terbakker, Young, feller, don't you speak French? yes,' said Harvey vallently; and he baw-Hi! Say! Apretian vous! Attenden! sommes venant dour tobac." tabac, tabac/' they clied, and laughedagain. That hit 'em. Let's heave a dory over, anyway, said Tom Platt. 'I don't exactly hold no. certificates on French, but I know another lingo

And here is comedy with a bitterly fronfcal glimpse of only too seal tragedy behind it :-"The thing that struck him most was the exceedingly casual way in which some craft loaled about the broad Atlantic, Pishing boats, as Dansaid, were naturally dependent on the courtesy and wisdom of their neighbours; but one expected better things of steamers. That was after another interesting interview, when they had been chased for three miles by a big lumbering old cattle-boat, all boarded over on the upper | ing before they write. deck, that smelt like a thousand cattlepens. very excited efficer yelled at them through a speaking-trumpet, and she lay and lollopped helplessly on the water while Disko ran the We're Here under her les and gave the skipper a piece of his mind. Where might ye be-ch Ye don't deserve to be anywheres. You barnyard tramps go hoggin' the road on the high seas with no blame consideration fer your neighbours, an' your eyes in your coffee-cups instid o' in your silly heads.

At this the skipper danced on the bridge and

haven't had an observation for three days. D'you

said some hing about Diako's own eyes.

suppose we can run her blind?' he shouled. Wa-al, I can, Disko sciored, 'What's come to your lead? Et it? Can't ye smell bottom, or are them cattle too rank ?!. ! What d'ye feed 'em ! said Uncle Salters with intense seriousness, for the small of the pens woke all the farmer in him, . They say they fall off dretful on a vyage. Dunne as it's any o' my business, but I've a kind o' notion that oil-cake broke small an' sprinkled-In the fourth test match at Melbourne, the hands at \$1.10 and \$1.35 for the Ordinary and means, but we have a dim idea. This is how Thunder I said a cattle-man in a red jersey as he looked over the side. What asylum did "She looked up at him, catching her breath, they let His Whiskers out of?" Young feller," admiring, in spite of bersell, the way he looked. Salters began, standing up in the fore-tigging, at her and spoke. She inclined towards him let me tell yeou fore-we go any further that with an involuntarily yielding gesture, and he live-- The officer on the bridge took off his cap with immense politoness, ! Excuse me, be said, but I've asked for my reckoning. If the agricultural person with the hale will kindly shut his head, the sea-green barnacle with the wall eye may per-haps condescend to enlighten us. Naow you've made a show o' me. Salter, said Disko angelly. He could not stand up to that particular sort of talk, and snapped out the latitude and longitude without more lectures, Well that's a boat-load of lunatice, sure, said the skipper, as he rang up the engine-room and tossed a bundle of newspapers foto the schooler, Of all the blamed fools, next to you, Salters, him an' his crowd are absent the likeliest I've ever seen, said Diako as the We're Here slid away. I was jest given bim my jedgment on lulisikin' round these waters like a lost child, an' you must cut in with your fool farmin. Can't Here is a (sample of cod-boat sarcasm, on

the occasion of a rival boat getting adrift from HET MOOTINGS !-"Glory, glory, hallelajah! sang Dan, Hore the comes, dad & buttend first, walking in ber

of bard life, and has them drummed she been any other boat Disko would into him thoroughly. The dialogue is delight- have taken his chances, but now he cut the ful; it passes all comprehension how Kipling | cable as the Carrie Ptiman, with all'the North can so vividly depict every walk of life, from the Atlantic to play in, lurched down directly upon North Pole to the South; it looks as if he has them. The Wa're Here, under jib and riding. spent a lifetime on New England schooners. He sail, gave her no more room than was absolutely has in former books told tales from the bills | necessary,-Diske did not wish to spe d a week of India, as nobody else ever could tell them; hunting for his cable, -but scuttled up into the Polynesia, the docks and whatves of Tilbury silent and anery boat, at the mercy of a raking

broadside of Bank chaff. "Good evenin", said Disko, raising his headgear, tanh baow does your garden grow ?" "Go to Ohio an, bire a mule, sald Unclo Salters. "We don't want no farmers here."

Will I lend you my dory-anchor? cried Long Tack. "Unship your rudder an' stick it in the mud," said Tom Platt. "Say ! Dan's voice rose shrill and high as he

stood on the wheel-box. 'Sa-sy! Is there a strike in the o-ver-all factory; or hey they hired gbis. ye Shickamaxoni ?" "Veer out the tiller-lines," cried Harvey, and nall 'em to the bottom.' That was a salt-flavoured jest he had been put up to by Tom Platt, Manuel leaned over the stern and yelled, 'Johnna Mor-

gan play the organ ! Abassa !! He flourished

his broad thumb with a gesture of unspeakable can also clench. Here is a pretty picture of a contempt and derision, while little Penn covered himself with glory by piping up : 'Gee a little.' Hesh ! Come hero. Haw !! "They rode on their chain for the rest of the

It is not every day we get a prop into the life of a rallway being like this :-

The secretary turned to the typewriter, and their eyes met (out of that was born a storynothing to do with this story). She looked inquisingly, doubtful of his resources. He signed to her to move to the Morse as a general brings brigades into action. Then he swept his hand musician-wise through bis hair, regarded the celling, and set to work, while Miss Kinzey's R. H. Wade, Los Angeles-The "Constance" is at Los Angeles, isn't she, Miss

Yep. Miss Kinsey nodded between clicks as the secretary looked at his watch. Ready? Send "Constance" private car. here, and arrange for special to leave here Sunday in time to connect with New York

Limited at Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Tuesday Click-click | 'Couldn't you better

Not on those grades. That gives 'em sixty hours from here to Chicago. They won't gain anything by taking a special cast of that. Ready? Also arrange with Lake Shore and Michigan Southern to take " Constance" on New York Central and Hudson River Buffalo to Albany, and B. and A. the same Albany to Boston. Indispensable I should reach Boston Wednesday evening. He sure mothing prevents. Have also wired Canniff, Toncey, and Barnes.

-Sign. Cheyne. Ten minutes later Chicago appealed to Miss Kinsey in these words : If crime of century is maturing please worn triends in time. We are all getting to cover here!

This was capped by a message from Topeks (and wherein Topeks was concerned even Mila m could not guess): " Don't shoot, Colonel. Will come down.'-

Cheyne smiled grimly at the consternation of his ensmios when the telegrams were laid before him. . They think we're on the war-path, Tell 'em we don't feel like fighting just now, swedge off like this,' Salters suggested, feeling sadilsom. Tell 'em what we're going for. I guess you and Miss Kinsey had better come slong, though it isn't likely I shall do any bustpers on the road. Tell 'em the truth-for once,'

We have received the first number of the Literary Times, a penny weekly published by Wright & Co., Manchester. It describes itself as devoted to literature, science, art, and the drams, and alms at supplying "a want that has been long acknowledged in literary circles-a paper at a low price, containing carefully written reviews of current literature as a convenient guide in the selection of works." It also laws itself out specially for the encouragement of beginners, and a column each week is to be that goes, I guess. Come on, Harro, and in- devoted to criticisms of rejected MSS. Subsigntial prizes are offered for bond fide beginners in literature. Judging by the first number (a judgment which should be lenient, as a new venture in necessarily not at its best on first appearance) the critical writings are excellent but the amateur writings constitute a condemnation of the idea of putting a premium on amateur scribbling. There are only too many people who fancy they were born to write : it would be more humane to bribe and otherwise encourage them to do something else, or serve a course of train-

> We have to ack owledge receipt of two mutical compositions," made in Hovekong," and published by Mestrs. W. Robinson & Co. At least, the composers are Hongkong residents, though the printing of the music is done in Germany; and one of the pieces confains poetry which seems as if it had been "made in Germany," and badly made at that, It is a song written and composed by N. Ruchwaldy. and entitled." Fair Isle in the Seas of Cathay." and is "dedicated by special permission to HE. Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G." a personage who has ceased to exist Mr. Ruchwaldy and his printers and publishers ought to know the difference between K.C.M.G. and G.C.M.G. The poeiry is worthy of its patronalit is wisky. washy doggered of the dogglest End, with no point, no force, no life, no metre, no rhyme, no reason, no anything in it. And the music is little betiers it never rises above a trivial tinkie. The best features of the thing are the pictures on the covers they are at any sale smusing. So is the instruction "Chords Ad Lib."

> The other place is Mr. A. G. Ward's "Pearl of the East" walls, dedicated to Miss M. Violet May, who perhaps is the lady depicted on the cover; though more probably not. The walts is of course, as may be expected from a horo gh musician of Mr. Ward's standing quite correct in technique; though it, exhibits almost all the way through a trace of an organist's hand, in sustained notes especially. These are details. which do not detract from the beauties of the walts, which has a catching air and is acre to become very popular. To our ear, the first and second movements ato the most taking. It would probably be best in orchestre setting.

ROYAL HONGRONG GOLF CZUB

In the Cup competition for January 21 members took part. The returns handed in are an

	J. Millward 9		78
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HINDRANCES TO THE DEVELOP. MENT OF TRADE IN KWANC-TUNG AND KWANGSI.

(By our Special Correspondent)

My last letter contained some important facts relative to the Ping On Co.'s monopoly and the anti-foreign nature of the policy connected therewith. I now submit copies of documents, bearing official seals, which should be accepted as proof that my statements are true in substance and in fact. The first document is the form (free translation) of license issued by the Lekin Office to Chinese Isunches to run in the Delta and on the West River. It is as follows :---

I .- All vessels smuguling arms or ammunition will be confiscated and the owners severely nunished.

II.-No cargo can'be carried onless all Lekin charges are paid. III.—Versels must sail at fixed hours and

have permits issued by the Shin Hao Chunkok (Lekin Office). IV .- Touse's are allowed to trace to any ports,

but must not carry foreigners' goods. V.-All vessels must stop at the Lekin stations an route.

Dated 23rd day of 10th moon of 23rd year of Kwangin.

(LS.) LEKIN OFFICE. Not to "carry foreigners' goods " is worthy of

draw attention is a notification posted up on the Lekin Office at Canton. It is dated in June last, the month in which the West River was opened to trade. It sets forth :-

(a) That steamers belonging to Chinese merchanis may low boats and can carry morchandise but must pay Lekin. (b.) In the case of steamers belonging to foreigners the Lekin office v 'll not subject their cargoes to inspection and the payment of Lekin, but the foreign steamers are not allowed to tow passenger boats (hatan). (c.) Hereafter Chinese cargo and passenger boats are not allowed to employ foreign-owned steamers for towing purposes.

(LS) LUKIN OFFICE. This looks uncommonly like a deliberate attempt to drive the major portion of the native trade into the hands of Chinese, thereby seriously prejudicing the interests of foreign steamship owners. The effect of such a proclamation could not fall to leave the impression on the native mind that the best way to get along without serious difficultes with the all-powerful Lekin authorities is to travel and to ship by Chinese-owned craft. And I am reliably informed that although a few native merchants occasionally ship good: by foreign vestels, yet they ship ten times as much by Chinese vessels. If they were known to be patronising foreign wessels only, excuses for "aqueesing" them and their relatives would soon be found and their treatment would serve as an example for years to come. The foreign steamers plying on the waters of the Delta and the West River and sunning between Hongkong and Kongmoon and West River ports have not accommodation for a very large number of passengers, tet if they could tow (as the Chinese steamers do) Tis 40,000 ; but we decline to believe that the large light-draft passenger boats their profits I province cannot be administered without the would be considerably improved. But we have monstrous and galling taxation now so heedit from the Lekin antholities that they are not lessly imposed on trade, and we are bound to allowed to tow passanger boats; and Chinese | deny that the Chinese enthorities have any right cargo and passenger boats are not allowed to to impose taxes on goods that have paid duties employ foreign-owned steamers for towing in accordance with the Tariff. The treaty states purposes. It is to be hoped that these matters will be rectified when the revision of the "Regulations for Trade on the West River" takes place in the near future.

As showing the estnest desire of the Lekin Office to protect the Ping On Co's interests, proclamation issued on the 17th January (15th day of 12th moon) constitutes useful evidence. It bears the signature of one Fong, the Ko U magistrate in Shinbing district [Shinbing is one of the Posts of Call provided for in the Treaty of 4th February, 1897,] the gist of it as follows:-"Ho Shun Sing manager of the Plug On Company, complains that the Wun Kee Steamship Company (this latter Company is, I believe, British concern registered as a limited liability company in Hongkong, Messrs, W. Farmer, S. Kelly and Sit Ming Cook are shareholders in it and Mr. C. Ewens the Company's solicitor are sunning their steamer Kwangles between Canton and Shinking, carrying cargo and passengers and he asks that they be prohibited from running to Shlubing. It is therefore notified that the Ping On Company find the funds for the expenses of the Sing Ngan school at Shiuhing, and the Company does so by permission of the Viceroy, so the Wun Kee Company cannot run launches in competition with the Ping On Company and use the wharf in this district. The police are therefore commanded to keep a sharp look-out and if any of the Wun Kee Comcompelled to lay well out in the siver. KO U MAGISTRATE.

It is doubiless a great convenience for steamers to go alongside the wharf, but the Steamboat Co's vessels, and now the Wan Kee Co's steamers, cannot do so. The passenger traffic between Shiphing city and district and Canton is very considerable and yet although it. is "Port of Call" the Ping On Company is specially protected in the premises! Shinking is altuated on the left bank of the siver between Samshul and Wuchow. I hear that the Wun Ree Co's steamer Kw- gles, mentioned above, is a Chinese steamer costered by the Wun Kee Company. But it matters little, just now, what flag she is flying. It is the manifest intention of the framers of the proclamation that I call

attention to. The Destination Tax is unquestionably, and peace with Chica for a while longer. But from foreign countries. As soon as the imports are but be that as it may the declaration is of a declcleared, after paying the tariffduties, at the Custom | sive nature that is quite refreshing and indicates House they are immediately taken to the Lekin | that the limit of forebearance has at last been Biallon and there the destination tan (which reached,

amounts to 30 cents per case on kerosine oil) is paid. It is collected at Canton, before the goods teach their destination, because the cost of probability exceed the revenue from this source. It would require a large army of officials to

collecting at the various destinations would in all On the 22nd January, 1895, the Destination Tax came into force and embraced all points within their prefectures of the province of Kwangtung. The farm was let for a period of twelve years and it was arranged that the Farmer should pay to the provincial treasury the sum of Tir. 180,000 each year for the privilege of lavying the tax on imports destined for the prefectures of Shaoking, Wangchow, and Kweichow. Shortly after the West River was opened, in June last, special representations were made on behalf of the Farmer to the Viceroy. It was stated that owing to the change that had come over the course of trade in imports consequent upon the opening of the West River he (the Farmer) was a heavy loser and the Viceroy was beseeched to decree that six more prefectures be added to the list of districts in which the special tax could be levied. If His Excellency would grant the prayer of the humble pelitioner then the latter would be able to give Tis. 200,000 per annum for the privilege for a period of 12 years. The Vicetoy agreed, a proclamation was issued with a great flourish of official trumpets. and in the month of October last six more prefectures, making the total siste, were brought under the baneful influence of this specially privileged tax-gatherer. Thus objectionable as the tax was when levied on three prefectures it has become for worse since the West River was The next document to which it is desirable to opened. Thus a fresh and very offensive hindrance to the development of trade came into force with the sanction and approval, and for the purpose of filling the coffers, of the Viceroy and his army of importunate and insatiable letches." An attempt was made to enforce a similar tax at Wuchow shortly after the port was opened but the British and German representailves at Canton (fully informed by the wideawake British Consul at Wachow) took the matter up promptly and handling it vigorously and deftly soon gave the movement its quictus. They prevented it, and are to be heartly congratulated. If now they would take up the question as regards the province of Kwangtong, and if the other representatives of the Treaty Powers at Canton take part in the campaign I can see no reason why their efforts should not be crowned with complete success. It is probable, of course, that the native officials will quote the amount of money received by the Maritime Customs for the past six months for Transit Passes (It was, understand, Tis. 40,000 at least) and say " Now there is a vi it sum taken out of our hands by your Transit Pass system. Why, we could have made at least three times that amount on the goods in transfin if they had not been protected by Transit Passes, on payment of a half duty only. We have to administer the province, and without money, without sufficient funds, piracy and brigandage, crime every description, will increase and one may

have to face a bloody revolution, which will dislocate trade to an extent that will injure you foreigners as well as our people. "Bosh i Nonzensa of this kind will, it is to be hoped, not weigh with those who have "taken stock" of China and the Chinese. A decade ago it might have 'gone down,' but a great change has come over our knowledge of the Chinese mandarinate and the complexion of affairs political in these regions during the past few years. We can believe that the Lekin vultures are well able to make Tis. 120,000 out of goods on which the exquisitely organised and honestly managed Maritime Customs department collected only clearly that as soon as the duties prescribed in the Tailff are paid "a cartipicate shall be issed which shall exempt the goods from all further inland charges whatsoever." And as far as piracy is concerned that is a mater which it is competent in foreigners to suppress. Article 5x of the Treaty of Tientain sets forth that " British ships of war coming for no hostile purpose or being engaged in the pursuit of pirates shall be at liberty to visit all ports within the dominions of the Emperor of China etc., e'c." This seticie had refer

protecting British lives and British property and it can be applied to the Canton Deita as well as to the coasts of the Empire. As regards the possibility of r bellion, it is well known that the masses have no real hatred of foreigners. Their animosity is a plant sown and cultivated by the officials, from the Viceroys of provinces down to the meanest underlings in the service of district magistrates. The people rabel tecause the officials oppress them-movi cruelly. They would pever molest foreigners if they knew such conduct was not desired in high places. When we selzed and catrled away from China many years ago the foreign-hatleg tyrant who held away in South China as Viceroy of the Two Kwangs we took a step in the right direction-we struck at the source of the trouble that resulted in piliage, murder, and war. If when those unfortunate. and defenceless men, women, and children were pany's vestels arrive at Shinking they must be cruelly put to death at Kucheng (mer Foochow) we had hanged the Viceroy of Fuhklen province and the Protect of Kucheng at the yard-arm of a British warship we should thereby have taken

ence to the suppression of piracy as a means.

another step in the right direction. We do not want the blood of the misguided coolies who are hounded on to murder by the officials. It is the heads of the real instigators of outrages, the official robbers and pirates who are a worse danger to the State than a few scores of pirates who prowl about the waters of the Canton Delta, and who, if the system of government were not of a most degrading and exasperating description, would probably be following a better calling. It is from the robbers and pirates who plunder the mercanile classes, who choke trade, who carefully watch the limit of the people's endurance and ente taxation only when they see a storm gathering, that the real danger is to be expected. It may be to our advantage to keep the

it is generally admitted to be, a great drag on what I submit is, that it has not always Chinese style it Loss Shus and Consul Jamieson, pistice for British merchants and British of Shanghal, is his seport on the "Revenue and pioneers of trade. What we want hen-Expenditure of China" (1897) tells us that Loss ceforth is peace with honour, and if we can shul may mean either a growers' tax or terminal not have that-if it is to be granted to other tax. "It has," he adds, " within recent years | nations and denied to us—then we should hall been received and amalgamated with the lekip." with joy the positive assurance of the British It has, according to this authority, formed an Government, as expressed by the Chancellor of opportune and effective weapon for mentralising | the Exchequer a few days ago-(a.) "That the the effect of the Transit Pass when desired. Mr. Government is absolutely determined, even at Jamieson states that it is now paid as part of the cost of was it necessary, not to allow the the ordinary lekin on all cocoons or silk goods, shutting of the door of commerce against us! destined for Shanghal, leaving the growing dis- and (6.) "If the Chinese Loan does not become tricts, even when accompanied by a transit pass. un fait accompli Great Britain will take her If the foreign buyer will not pay it, the native stand on treaty rights." It may be added that broker has got to; but in any case the lott shul the Chancellor sise intimated that Great Britain is tacked on to the laying down cost of the does not desire territorial agrandisement at the goods and the foreigner ultimately pays it. We expense of China, but she does derice to open are not now concerned with what happens; at the door of China to the commerce of the whole Shanghai and I have merely mentioned this to world. It is probable that the Minister had in show that the Terminal or Destination Tax is his mind's eye the virtual closing of Spantung levied on native produce as well as on imports. (whate Germany is now in possession) and the At Canton, close to the Maritime Custom House, Lanting peninsula and Manchuria (where Rus. Reld. a Destination Tax is levied on goods imported sia holds considerable away) to British trade; House

NOTANDA CALENDAR.

YEBRUARY. Meteorological means based on ten years'

observations to 1895. Barometer .....30.141 Thermometer .....573 Humidity ......79.0 Rainfall..... 1.75

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT. On date at On date at Barometer ..... 30.11 Thermometer ..... Humldity..... Rainfall .............. 0.07

TO-DAY. We incedsy, and February, 1898. (Purification of B.V. Marv.) Chinese-12th of 1st moon of 24th year of

Kwong-sil. Jowish-10th Sebat, 5658. Mohammedan—10th Ramadan, 1815. Sun-Riss ..... 6hr. 28min. Seis ..... 5kr. 33min. Moon -Maximum Declination N. 8hr. a.m. High water-Atternoon ..... 6hr. Smin. Low water-Morning ..... 1hr. 18min.

ANNIVERSARIES. 1840-Letters from the Imperial Commissioner Lie to H.M. the Queen, complaining of the persistency of her subjects in sending opium to China.

No inferior high or low water.

1872-The New German Club, Hongkong, 1882-Mr. C. P. Chater appointed Masonic District Grand Master of S. China. 1896-The Po Luk Theatre, Hongkong, des-

troyed by fire. 1806-Sharp shocks of earthquake in Japan. 1897-Venezuelan Arbitration Treaty signed.

TO-MORROW. Thursday, 3rd February, 1898. Chinese-18th of 1st moon of Aith year o

Kewong-sil. Tewish-11th Sebat. 5858. Mohammedan—11th Ramadan, 1516. Sun-Rises ...... 6hr. 27min. Sets ..... Shr. 35min. High water-Morning ...... 9hr. 52min. Afternoon ..... Bhr. 19min. Low water-Morning ...... 1hr. 5 Amin. and liky. 45min.

AMNIVERSARIES. 1830-Marquis of Salisbury born. 1839-Kurachee captured by the British. 1896 -The Reform Committee Investigation opened at Pretoria.

1807-The s.s. Sanku Maru run down by N.Y.K. steemer and 50 lives lost.

MEMORANDA.

To-DAY,-2ed February. o p.m. - Performance of the New York Novelty Co. at City Hall,

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE: English (Coromandel) 5th last. American (CAfea) 5th Inst. Australian (Afrile) 6th inst. Tacoma (Victorio) 7th last, German (Sachsen) 10th inst. American (Belgie) 12th inst.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer China, with mails, cic., will sail from Shanghai at 8 a.m. to-morrow, and will arrive at Hongkong at 6 a.m. on Salurday, the 5th inst.

SHIPPING RETURNS. From 8 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS. Thales .....steamer, from Foochow .. Haiphong Sullbarg..... 👈 🔻 .. Shanghal Choysang ..... "Amoy, Amoy ... ...... .. Tamsul Halmun ... A..... " Yokohama Ingba Maru ...... , K∘be Australian ........... . Tsiwanioo Nanyang ..... Shanghai Tientsin ..... Patrocius ..... Slagapore Singapore Aggregating 17,457 tons register.

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31 Formosa ..... Hongkong ... J. M. & Co. 3t Choysang ..... Shanghal... J. M. & Co. I Tientele ......Shanghal.... & S. Departures. Jan. 29 Newchwarg ... Shanghai... B. & S. 30 Hallan ......Amoy.....J. M. & Co. 31 Formosa ..........Amoy ......... M. & Co. 31 Singun ... Amoy & S'hai... B. & S. Feb. 1 Phranang ..... Bangkok ... B. & S. I Tientsin ......... Hongkong ... B. & S. I Choysang ... H.K. & C'ton ... J. M. & Co. I Nanyang ..... Hongkong ... J. M. & Co.

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OUTWARD-IIth Jan .- Vindobona Cromarty. Min. 14th January-Oopach. 18th January-Benalder, Benlomond, Sachsen, Devoushire, Lennox, Socotra. 25th January-Oceanien, Merionethehire, Bellona, Venue. 18th January - Gisela, Izion, Daydanne, Melbourne, Anapa, Trieste. 31st Jan. Oceana, Energia, Fern-

HOMEWARD-IIIb Jan. - Formosa, Sarbedon, Thekla, 14th January—Brusst Simons, 18th January-Ulysses, agth January-Print Helmrich, Pyryhus. 28th January-Bish. 3111 January-Oenfo, Balanti.

SHANGHAI COTTON TRADE REPORT.

Mesars, Noël, Murray & Co.'s Trade Report of noth January says :-

The season is at an end and very little can be said of the business that has been transacted during the interval. In the early part a few more salss were made partly for cash, but mostly for forward delivery, and a certain amount has gone through in the way of indents, but latterly the decline in Exchange has done a great deal towards stopping further business. The quietness of the week has been intensified by the absence of the usual Auctions, both of which were suspended. The feeling is decidedly strong and great hopes are being entertained for the trade during the coming season. As there is no reason to expect any curtailment of the usual demand for the re-opening of the Northern Ports, there seems bound to be a dearth of supplies by the end of March, which the modegate ablomen's coming forward will scarcely be able to replenish, so there is a good prospect of the trade teing once more on a stable basis in the ness future. The low prices lately offering from America are certainly tempting, and the goods, so far, have been taken up with some freedom, but the prices can scarcely be conducive to excessive production. The strong and decisive attitude taken up by the British Government with regard to the situation in this part of the world should help to restore confidence, but It is doubtful if the new Ports suggested will bring much increase of trade.

The market in Manchester keeps very firm. and there is a fair business doing for China, but only distant delivery is obtainable. Cotton is slightly lower, namely, 3.3-16th d, but steady at the decline. The Export of Plain Cottons for the first half of this month is only sleven million yards, a great contrast to the previous years ! During the last week or ten days there has been some buying at cheap prices in New York for this market, smounting to about 4.750 bales Drills, 4 000 bales Sheetings and 2,000 bales Jeans, making 30,000 bales in all since the first of the month, but later telegrams roport that some of the Mills are closing on account of strikes.

. The settlement, which is virtually arranged for now, is undoubtedly one of the worst ever experienced in this trade. The piece Goods and Yain dealers are said to have lost Tie. 2,500,000 amongst them, and the Native Banks a neit loss of three lacs. It is said that the latter owe the Foreign Banks eleven lacs, and the unusually high rate of interest ruling even up to now, the last moment, shows the great, stringency there is Fifteen of the Native Banks have decided not to re-open, but doubtless they will be replaced by others.

The market for Native Cotton closes quite at Tie, 15.60 for best machine ginned. A fair quantity of American Cotton is expected shortly for some of the local Mills. They closed to-day for the holidays and will probably commence work rgsin on the 24th or 25th instant.

Statistics.—The table of comparative figures of the Re-reports to Chefoo during the last ten years show a dec'ded improvement, taking them all round, but here again is seen the manner in which English Drills and Sheetings are being ousted by American makes. In the same way Indian yarns are giving place to: the Japanese spinnings,

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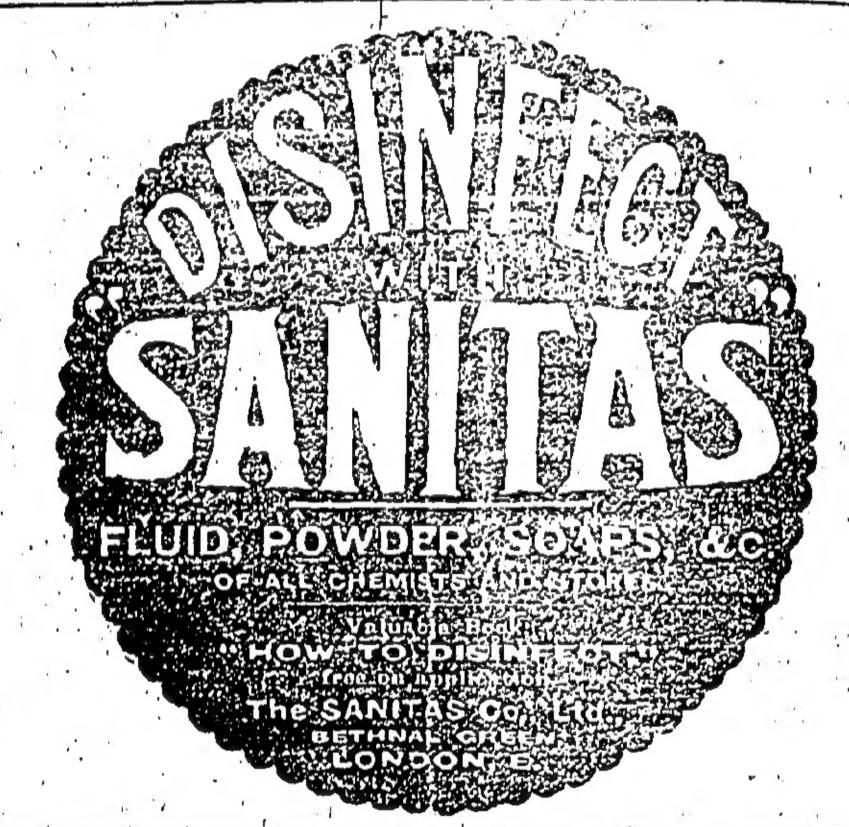
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Hongkong, 13th January, 1898,

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"GHAZEE," Captain Balley will be despatched as above on or about the 28th February. S.S. " PATHAN " ..... about 20th March. S.S. "LENNOX" ...... roth April. S.S. "ENERGIA" ..... 30th April. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.

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Hongkong, and February, 1898.

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GCR36H	Tuesday   1st March
Bayers il	Wednesday   30th Marc
Prins Heinrich	Wednesday   27th April
Praussen	Wednesday   20th May.
Sachsen	Wednesday   22nd June
Bayern	Wednesday   20th July.
Prins Heinrich	Wednesday   17th Aug.
Darmstadi	Wednesday   14th Sept.
Prenisen	W. Inesday   12th Oct-
Sacksen	Wednesday   9th Nov.
Bayern ,	Wednesday   7th Dec.
Prina Heinylch"	Weinesday   4th Jan. 9
ON TUESDAY, 1898, at 9 A.M.	the vat day of Marc, the Company's Steamah

"SACHSEN," Captain H. Supmer, with MAILS, PASSENGRS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on

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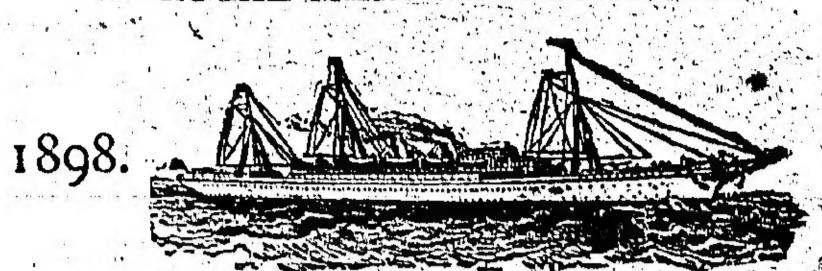
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONOKONO. Shanghal, Nagasaki, Thursday, 3rd Feb.,

Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagazaki, Kobe, In. Thursday, 22nd Feb.

land Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)...... Cobile (via Shanghal) Nagaraki, Kobe, In- Saturday, 12th March, land Ses. Yokohams

and Honolulu)..... THE Company's Steamship

upon application.

"DORIC"

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land Sea and Yokohams - ........... City of Rio de Taneiro (via Shanghai, Na-Tuesday, 22nd March, garaki, Kobe, Inland at Noon.

at Noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship

Sea, Yokohama and

Honolulu).......

" CHINA " will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, DIA SHANGHAI, NAGASARI, ROBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 12th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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